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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on March 17, 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Prosecution Application

The request for a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) filed on March 17, 2003 is acknowledged. 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1) was amended to provide that the prior application of a CPA must be: (1) a utility or plant application that was filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before May 29, 2000, (2) a design application, or (3) the national stage of an international application that was filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before May 29, 2000. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, interim rule, 65 *Fed. Reg.* 14865, 14872 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 47, 52 (Apr. 11, 2000). Since a CPA of this application is not permitted under 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1), the improper request for a CPA is being treated as a request for continued examination of this application under 37 CFR 1.114. See *id.* at 14866, 1233 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* at 48. Claims 1-34 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

1. Claims 12-15, 18, and 21-27, 29, 30, 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Kimura et al. (5690916) ("Kimura").

Kimura discloses a foundation comprising 9.0 % by weight of blue interference pigment and iron oxides, 11.0 % by weight of titanium dioxide, and sericite, other non-interference inorganic pigments which examiner views are used to match skin tone and thus meet the "skin color" limitation. See Example 13.

Since claimed composition is disclosed in the prior art, examiner takes the position that the claimed method of reducing wrinkles or lines is inherently practiced by the prior art method of topically applying the same composition. Examiner takes the position that the position that wrinkle and lines inherently form in facial skin as a natural phenomena caused by the movement of facial muscle. See instant claim 7.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. Claims 19 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura as applied to claims 12-15, 18, and 21-27, 29, 30, 32 which are anticipated by the reference.

While the reference fails to disclose using less than 9% of the blue interference pigments, examiner notes that generally, differences in concentration will not support the patentability of subject matter encompassed by the prior art unless there is evidence indicating such concentration is critical. See MPEP § 2144.05. Since the general conditions of the instant claims are disclosed in Kimura, examiner views that one having ordinary skill in the art would have discovered the optimum or workable ranges by routine experimentation. Lowering the concentration of an active component also is viewed economically advantageous from the perspective of a manufacturer.

3. Claims 1-7, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura as applied to claims 12-15, 18, 19, 21-27, 29, 30, 32, and 33

as above, and further in view of Hineno et al. (US 6207174 B1) ("Hineno").

Kimura, discussed above, fails to teach using the composition to visibly reduce wrinkle or lines of the skin. Examiner views that wrinkles caused by chronicle aging is a natural phenomena that is obviously present in mature users' skin. Thus, examiner takes the position that the prior art composition, when used by the users with aged skin, obviously renders the wrinkle minimizing effect which applicants claim.

Hineno teaches using a composite powder comprising interference or reflective pigments useful in covering wrinkle and improving skin color. See Examples 1 and 2; Tables 2 and 3. Example 6 discloses a foundation comprising sericite, iron oxides, and the 9.32 % by weight of composite powder.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have used the Kimura composition as motivated by Hineno because of the expectation of successfully enhancing wrinkle-coverage effect and improving skin color tone.

3. Claims 8, 16, 17, 20, 28, 31, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kimura and Hineno as applied to claims 1-7, 9-15, 18, 19, 21-27, 29, 30, 32, and 33 as above, and further in view of Hurst ("Face Powders", Poucher's Perfumes, Cosmetics and Soaps, 1993).

Kimura and Hineno, discussed above, fail to teach bismuth oxychloride.

Hurst teaches that bismuth oxychloride is the first synthetic pearlescent pigment and now developed to provide an improved photosensitivity. See p. 117, 2nd full par. The reference further suggests that it is possible to formulate compositions using

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pearlescent pigments to provide "translucent luster, or frosted effect, to enhance the wearer's natural complexion". See p. 117, 5th full par.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the composition of the combined references by adding bismuth oxychloride as motivated by Hurst because of an expectation of successfully producing a composition with luster or frosted effect to enhance the natural look of the user.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-34 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection in part and unpersuasive in part. See Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gina C. Yu whose telephone number is 703-308-3951.

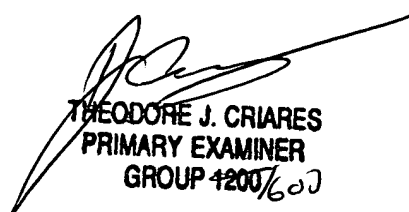
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 703-305-1877. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-308-4242 for regular communications and 703-308-4242 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1234.

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